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TO AMEMBASSY GABORONE IMMEDIATE

USDEL SECRETARY

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PASS IMMEDIATELY TO AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE

FOL TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM MAPUTO DTD 30 SEPT 1976 QTE

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MACHEL FROM THE SECRETARY

REF: (A) SECTO 28006; (B) MAPUTO 1109; (C) MAPUTO 1100

1. SZRGIO VIEIRA, CHIEF OF CABINET IN OFFICE OF
PRESIDENT HAS JUST INFORMED ME THAT PRESIDENT MACHEL
WOULD LIKE ME TO FIND OUT IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE
FOR SCHAUFLE TO COME TO MAPUTO TO MEET WITH THE
PRESIDENT. MACHEL HAD NOTED TO VIEIRA THAT IN MY
MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 25, I
HAD OFFERED TO EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY (REFTEL C).
VIEIRA SAID THAT MACHEL WOULD PREFER TO WITHHOLD
COMMENTS ON SECRETARY'S MESSAGE UNTIL A SECOND MEETING
WITH SCHAUFLE. VIEIRA SAID THAT PRESIDENT WOULD WEL-
COME VISIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND WOULD BE PREPARED

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MEET ON WEEKEND IF THIS CONVENIENT FOR SCHAUFLE.

2. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH MACHEL'S REQUEST. IN MY JUDGMENT IT IS VERY MUCH IN U.S. INTEREST THAT MACHEL SEE HIMSELF AS PART OF THE PROCESS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TO REACH A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, NOT AS AN OUTSIDER TO THIS PROCESS. A SECOND MEETING WITH SCHAUFLE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THIS END. WITH MUGABE AND NKOMO REPORTEDLY IN MAPUTO, IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL BE IN POSITION PERHAPS TO HAVE SOME OF OUR LATEST IDEAS FIND THERE WAY INDIRECTLY TO MUGABE AND NKOMO VIA SCHAUFLE MEETING WITH MACHEL.

3. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS INFORMED ME THAT ROWLAND WILL BE ARRIVING MAPUTO TOMORROW AND HAS MEETING SCHEDULE WITH MACHEL FOR 1700 HOURS LOCAL TIME SAME DAY.

4. PLEASE PASS SCHAUFLE GABORONE OR WHEREVER HE MY BE.
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